

Amendment dated 12/29/04
Response to Office Action dated 09/30/04

Application No. 09/868,669

IN THE CLAIMS

1. **(Currently Amended)** A computer-implemented method for creating a presentation, comprising:
 - (a) presenting information indicative of a goal in a spreadsheet format, the goal being associated with a training objective of a student, the training objective corresponding to mirroring an actual work environment of the student;
 - (b) analyzing the spreadsheet format and translating the information into a presentation model;
 - (c) integrating information that motivates accomplishment of the goal into the presentation model;
 - (d) managing information flow utilizing a table of components; and
 - (e) evaluating progress toward the goal and providing feedback that further motivates accomplishment of the goal.
2. **(Previously Presented)** The computer-implemented method for creating a presentation as recited in claim 1, including the step of instantiating a component from the table of components to measure progress toward the goal based on the presentation model.
3. **(Previously Presented)** The computer-implemented method for creating a presentation as recited in claim 2, including instantiating a component from the table of components to interrupt and interview a student to obtain information to measure progress toward the goal and determine appropriate feedback based on the presentation model.
4. **(Previously Presented)** The computer-implemented method for creating a presentation as recited in claim 1, including instantiating a component from the table of components to analyze progress and determine appropriate feedback based on the presentation model.
5. **(Previously Presented)** The computer-implemented method for creating a presentation as recited in claim 1, including instantiating a component from the table of components to evaluate options and present appropriate feedback to assist a student to achieve the goal based on the presentation model.

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6. **(Previously Presented)** The computer-implemented method for creating a presentation as recited in claim 1, including instantiating a component from the table of components to simulate a business application based on the presentation model.

7. **(Previously Presented)** The computer-implemented method for creating a presentation as recited in claim 1, including instantiating a component from the table of components to interact with a quantitative analysis model to perform what-if analysis based on the presentation model.

8. **(Previously Presented)** The computer-implemented method for creating a presentation as recited in claim 1, including instantiating a component from the table of components to interact with a student utilizing rule-based logic based on the presentation model.

9. **(Previously Presented)** The computer-implemented method for creating a presentation as recited in claim 1, including instantiating a component from the table of components to present a time based simulation based on the presentation model.

10. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus that creates a presentation, comprising:

- (a) a processor;
- (b) memory that stores information under the control of the processor;
- (c) logic that presents information indicative of a goal in a spreadsheet format, the goal being associated with a training objective of a student, the training objective corresponding to mirroring an actual work environment of the student;
- (d) logic that analyzes the spreadsheet format and translates the information into a presentation model;
- (e) logic that integrates information that motivates accomplishment of the goal into the presentation model;
- (f) logic that manages information flow utilizing a table of components; and
- (g) logic that evaluates progress toward the goal and provides feedback that further motivates accomplishment of the goal.

11. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus that creates a presentation as recited in claim 10, including logic that instantiates a component from the table of components to measure progress toward the goal based on the presentation model.

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12. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus that creates a presentation as recited in claim 10, including logic that instantiates a component from the table of components to interrupt and interview a student to obtain information to measure progress toward the goal and determine appropriate feedback based on the presentation model.

13. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus that creates a presentation as recited in claim 10, including logic that instantiates a component from the table of components to analyze progress and determine appropriate feedback based on the presentation model.

14. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus that creates a presentation as recited in claim 10, including logic that instantiates a component from the table of components to evaluate options and present appropriate feedback to assist a student to achieve the goal based on the presentation model.

15. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus that creates a presentation as recited in claim 10, including logic that instantiates a component from the table of components to simulate a business application based on the presentation model.

16. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus that creates a presentation as recited in claim 10, including logic that instantiates a component from the table of components to interact with a quantitative analysis model to perform what-if analysis based on the presentation model.

17. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus that creates a presentation as recited in claim 10, including logic that instantiates a component from the table of components to present a time based simulation based on the presentation model.

18. **(Cancel)**

19. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus that creates a presentation as recited in claim 10, including logic that instantiates a component from the table of components to interact with a student utilizing rule-based logic based on the presentation model.

20. **(New)** The computer-implemented method of claim 9, further comprising:
receiving a selected action for a time period of the time based simulation.